



### 9/29/00 Struck by Tree

A 21-year-old logger was killed when a tree fell on his skidder.

The victim was part of a three-person crew working for a small logging company that was removing trees for a private landowner. The accident occurred toward the end of the day, close to quitting time. The victim was returning to the logging area from the landing when he got to close the falling area. The cutters did not see him, and fell a tree across the cab of the skidder, crushing the victim.

Ensure the falling area is safe to enter. Stop your vehicle and observe the work area. Remain 2 tree lengths from the falling area until the fallers have acknowledged that the area is safe to enter. Establish and maintain communications between the fallers and all other members of the operation.